Making Freedom of Press a Fundamental Right

1569. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Constitution Review Commission has recommended that the Freedom of Press should be made a Fundamental Right and incorporated in Part III of the constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution is yet to submit its report to the Government.

(b) and (c) In view of the above, these questions do not arise

Cleansing of the legal profession

1570. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent Supreme Court verdict concerning the need to cleanse the legal profession;

(b) if so, the background and details thereof;

(c) whether any specific modifications are proposed to be made in the related Advocates Law; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) In Harish Chandra Tiwari Vs. Baiju [(2002) 2 Supreme Court Cases 67], the Supreme